Remarks

Currently pending in the application are claims 1 and 66-72. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because there was no sequence identifier in Figure 3 or in the Brief Description. Applicants have amended both Figure 3 and the Brief Description to include sequence identifiers.

Double Patenting - Statutory

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Pat. No. 6,458,931. In view of the amendments, this rejection is rendered moot.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

In view of the amendments, this rejection is rendered moot.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as being indefinite. In view of the amendments, this rejection is rendered moot.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 66-72 are patentable and are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request all pending claims be allowed and that the application pass to issuance.

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